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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKAYUKI SUGA ET AL.

Application No.: 10/615,306

Filed: July 9, 2003

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September 10, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(b)(3) and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

For a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English documents, the Examiner is referred to the English Abstracts attached hereto.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

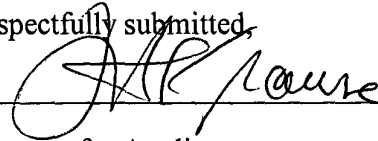
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A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. Laure", is written over a horizontal line.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT	
	JP	8179676	07/12/96	Japan			Abstract
	JP	2002200024	07/16/02	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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